# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:132
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2016
Global Tiger Initiative
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether India is a party to the Global Tiger Initiative, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether India subscribes to the goal of doubling the tiger population, globally by 2020; and
(c) if so, the details of the initiatives taken up by the Government under Project Tiger and National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) programmes so far?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a), (b) & (c):-A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) & (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *132 ON GLOBAL TIGER INITIATIVE DUE FOR REPLY ON 03.05.2016

(a)The Global Tiger Initiative (GTI) as of now is non-existent. However, it was launched in June, 2008 by the World Bank aiming towards stabilizing and restoring wild tigers in the tiger range countries (TRCs). India's role was restricted to building the capacity of knowledge institutions, participating in events like tiger workshops, and to use the GTI platform to disseminate / exchange good practices amongst the TRCs.

(b) & (c) As per the St. Petersburg Declaration, 2010 on tiger conservation, the goal of achieving Tx2, i.e. doubling the global tiger population by 2022 was envisaged. India is also a party to the said Declaration. Tiger conservation in India is a Government (Centre & State) programme, with no external funding from any donor or the GTI. There are 49 tiger reserves in the country with notified core/ critical tiger habitat (39788.12 sq.km), and the buffer / peripheral area (31250.45 sq. km). To make the core / critical tiger habitat inviolate exclusively for the tiger, as per the statutory provisions, as many as 169 villages having 11188 families have been voluntarily relocated. Besides, Government of India through Project Tiger / National Tiger Conservation Authority has, inter alia taken a number of milestone initiatives towards tiger conservation, which has resulted in substantial growth in tiger number. The same is at Annexure-I.

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